

## Giving back: We can meet any challenge

**E**ARLIER THIS month, a massive winter storm swept across Missouri, bringing record snowfall, ice, bitter winds and frigid temperatures.

Long before the first snowflake hit the ground, volunteers from faith and community groups across the state were working with the Missouri National Guard, law enforcement and emergency agencies to make sure help was on-hand, wherever and whatever the need.



Gov. Jay Nixon



That same spirit of service to others inspires thousands of Missourians to give back every day. They may deliver hot meals to the elderly, mentor troubled teens, lead a Scout troop or volunteer at an animal shelter. Giving back makes our communities – and our state – stronger.

And as the blizzard of 2011 proved, working together, we can meet any challenge.

## Legislative session begins, senators named

### The 96th General Assembly

officially started work on Jan.

5. Individuals nominated during session must be confirmed by the Senate before they begin service on a board or commission.

### Senators named to appointments committee

Senate President Pro Tem Robert N. Mayer, R-Dexter, appointed nine senators to the Committee on Gubernatorial Appointments:

- Sen. Mayer, chairman
- Sen. Tom Dempsey, R-St. Charles, vice chairman
- Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau
- Sen. Bob Dixon, R-Springfield
- Sen. Brad Lager, R-Savannah



- Sen. Rob Schaaf, R-St. Joseph
- Sen. Eric Schmitt, R-Glendale
- Sen. Victor Callahan, D-Independence
- Sen. Ryan McKenna, D-Crystal City

All nominees requiring Senate confirmation must appear before this committee.

### Boards and Commissions staff



**Deborah Price**  
Acting director



**Damion Trasada**  
Deputy director



**Kimberly Gerlt**  
Assistant



### Save the date

Boards and Commissions will hold training and a reception for new appointees on March 23.



## Governor appoints 47 to Boards and Commissions

Congratulations to the 47 Missouri public servants recently appointed to Missouri boards and commissions. Your leadership and participation on these boards and commissions will enable state government to function more efficiently and fairly, and will have a significant and lasting impact. Thank you for so generously sharing your time and talents in service to the state.

| Advisory Commission for Physical Therapists                                         |                                                                                     | Behavior Analyst Advisory Board                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       | Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors                                              |  |
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| <b>Tamara Burlis</b><br>Chesterfield                                                | <b>Thomas Davis</b><br>Kansas City                                                  | <b>Karen Greiner</b><br>St. Louis                                                   | <b>Jennifer Kirby</b><br>Joplin                                                     | <b>Jessa Love</b><br>Hallsville                                                     | <b>Teresa Rodgers</b><br>Jefferson City                                              | <b>Todd Streff</b><br>Foristell                                                       | <b>Archie Camden</b><br>Bonne Terre                                                   |  |
| Board of Examiners for Hearing Instrument Specialists                               |                                                                                     | Board of Therapeutic Massage                                                        | Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board                                                | Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials                          |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |  |
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| <b>Janette Call</b><br>Perryville                                                   | <b>Brandy Mouser</b><br>Dexter                                                      | <b>Betty Skinner</b><br>St. Louis                                                   | <b>Robert Barrett</b><br>Nevada                                                     | <b>Vicki Benson</b><br>Kirksville                                                   | <b>Bill Burch</b><br>Sikeston                                                        | <b>Judith Davidson</b><br>Cottleville                                                 | <b>Lee Gilbert</b><br>Springfield                                                     |  |
| Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials                          |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     | Cotton Growers' Organization Board of Directors                                      | Development Finance Board                                                             |                                                                                       |  |
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| <b>Jerry King</b><br>Butler                                                         | <b>Don Mills</b><br>El Dorado Springs                                               | <b>Thomas Shrout</b><br>St. Louis                                                   | <b>Paul Walle</b><br>Manchester                                                     | <b>Terry Winkler</b><br>Miller                                                      | <b>Judy Grundler</b><br>Columbia                                                     | <b>Patrick Lamping</b><br>Barnhart                                                    | <b>Reuben Shelton</b><br>St. Louis                                                    |  |

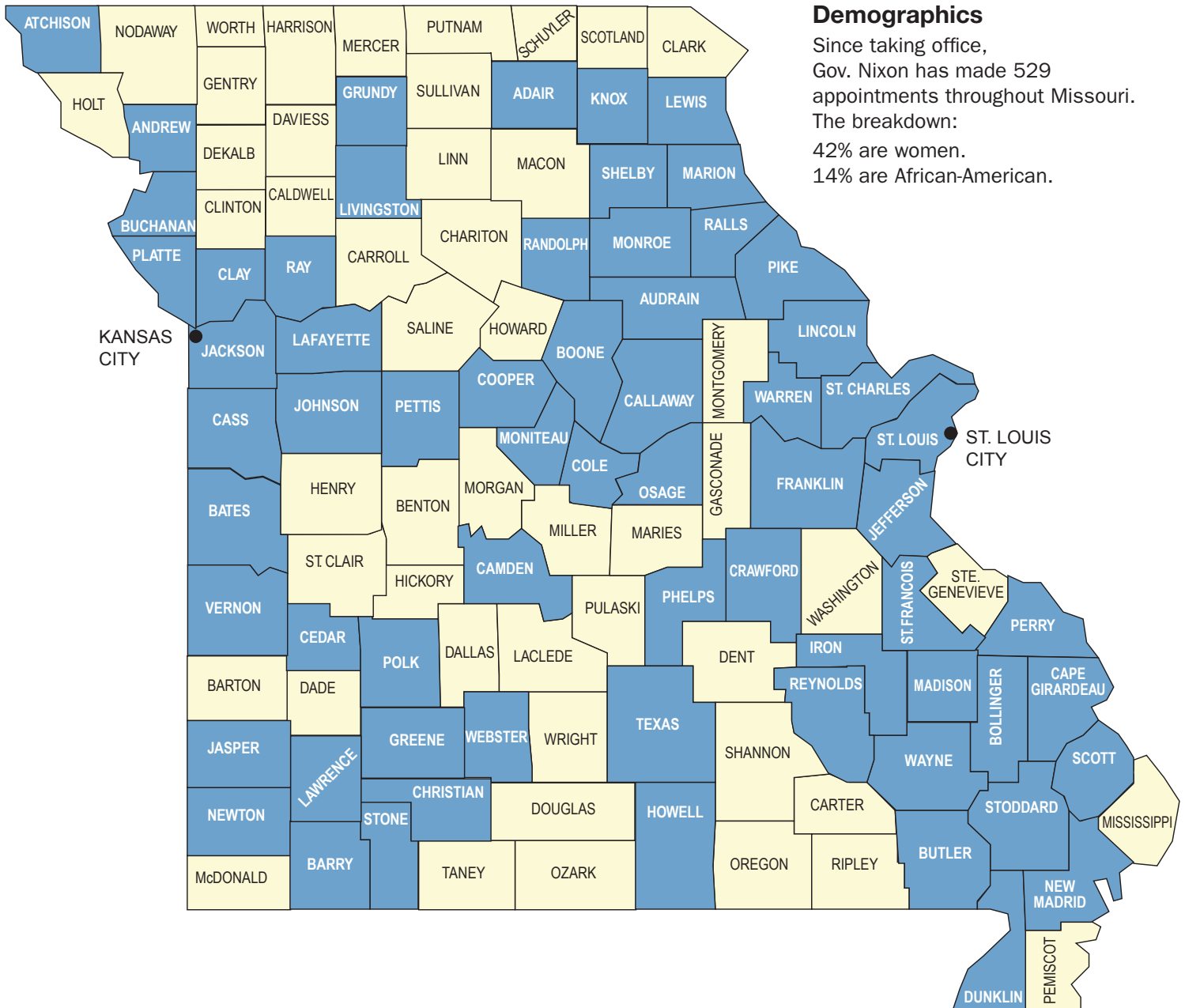
| Environmental Improvement & Energy Resources Authority                            | Health and Educational Facilities Authority of Mo.                                | Homeland Security Advisory Council                                                | Interagency Coordinating Council                                                  | Mo. Western State University Board of Governors                                   | MO HealthNet Oversight Committee                                                   | Real Estate Appraisers Commission                                                   | Rehabilitation Council                                                              |
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| <b>William Dalton</b><br>Springfield                                              | <b>Sarah Maguffee</b><br>Columbia                                                 | <b>Kevin Ahlbrand</b><br>St. Louis                                                | <b>Julia Lepage</b><br>Jefferson City                                             | <b>Leo Blakley</b><br>St. Joseph                                                  | <b>Corinne Walentik</b><br>University City                                         | <b>C. Cash Gill</b><br>Dexter                                                       | <b>James Ankrom</b><br>Smithville                                                   |

| Rehabilitation Council                                                             |                                                                                    |                                                                                    |                                                                                    | Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board                                           | St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission                                        | State Unemployment Council                                                           | Tax Commission                                                                       |
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| <b>Dennis Atkins</b><br>St. Charles                                                | <b>Cecilia Callahan</b><br>Jefferson City                                          | <b>Aimee Wehmeier</b><br>Columbia                                                  | <b>Gregory Wingert</b><br>Lohman                                                   | <b>James Seigfreid</b><br>Warrensburg                                              | <b>Robert O'Loughlin</b><br>Kirkwood                                                | <b>Lance Mayfield</b><br>Viburnum                                                    | <b>Randy Holman</b><br>Hillsboro                                                     |

| Women's Council                                                                     | Appointees not pictured                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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|  | <b>Administrative Law Judge Review Committee</b><br><b>Barry Aycock</b> , Parma<br><br><b>Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials</b><br><b>Patty Bolz</b> , Kirksville<br><b>Julie Hurst</b> , Tarkio | <b>MO HealthNet Oversight Committee</b><br><b>Bridget McCandless</b> , Independence<br><b>Jay McMillen</b> , St. Joseph<br><br><b>Rehabilitation Council</b><br><b>Penny Adams</b> , St. Joseph |
| <b>Nicole Colbert-Botchway</b><br>St. Louis                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## Appointments by county

 **Counties with appointments**



## Demographics

Since taking office,  
Gov. Nixon has made 529  
appointments throughout Missouri.  
The breakdown:  
42% are women.  
14% are African-American.

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# Beetem brings enthusiasm to Children's Trust Fund

**NELA BEETEM** was reappointed to the Children's Trust Fund by Gov. Nixon in 2010. The fund, best known by its Missouri specialty license plate, invests nearly \$3 million a year in public education campaigns and abuse prevention programs.

Child abuse and prevention has been a lifelong passion for Nela. Her dedication has been demonstrated in a variety of capacities throughout her 40 years of work as a nurse.

Nela brings a great deal of experience and enthusiasm to the board. She has not hesitated to volunteer for assignments since being appointed.

## Grants awarded annually

The fund annually awards more than 100 grants to community-based organizations, and as a member of the program committee Nela enjoys working with the diverse group of knowledgeable professionals who determine the grant awardees.

"The board asks great questions and really sorts through issues during the application process," says Nela. "We're able to have really rich discussions because of the wonderful cross-section of perspectives we have."

"There are teachers, social workers, clergy, health professionals, representatives from community organizations and others giving their input. All the applications we review get a comprehensive examination before grants are awarded. The board takes its responsibility seriously and is a great steward of the funds we use to serve children and families throughout the state."

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Nela Beetem



**Home:** Holts Summit

**Background:** Community health nurse consultant, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

Former DHSS school health nurse consultant; and school health services coordinator for Jefferson City Public Schools.

**Education:** American Nurses Association certification, family nurse practitioner, University of Missouri. American Nurses Association certification, school nurse practitioner, University of Colorado.

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~NELA BEETEM

## CTF staff lauded

Nela also credits the Children's Trust Fund staff with making her work enjoyable.

"The CTF staff is great. They are extremely helpful in helping us make sure applications meet the criteria for further review and with many



of the administrative functions of our board. They're always available to answer our questions

and eager to help applicants and the organizations we fund. We work together to do whatever we can to serve the children and families in our state."

# Missouri Community Service Commission

## Agency funds AmeriCorps programs in state

**T**HE MISSOURI Community Service Commission (MCSC), an agency of the Department of Economic Development, is responsible for funding AmeriCorps state programs in Missouri. Like a domestic version of the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps serves communities through volunteer work and other service.

AmeriCorps members serve in schools that have lost or are in danger of losing accreditation. They tutor youth who are at risk of failing and help them bring up their grades in classes such as math, science and reading.

### Disaster assistance

Some members serve on disaster teams. You may have seen them in your neighborhoods or communities clearing away debris, establishing volunteer

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MCSC

**Established:** 1994

**Mission:** Connects Missourians of all ages and backgrounds to improve unmet community needs through direct and tangible service. Administers AmeriCorps funding in Missouri by awarding monetary grants and providing technical assistance and support.

**Board members:** 15-25

**2010-2011 grant allocations:** \$4 million

**Funding source:** Corporation for National and Community Service, GR.

**Helping Missouri:** Over 2,500 AmeriCorps members have served Missourians since 2003.



**Jumpstarting Missouri:** AmeriCorps' Jumpstart program recruits and trains achievement-oriented college students to work one-on-one with low-income pre-schoolers. They work together for one year on language, literacy, social and initiative skills.

## MCSC board of directors, hometowns

A 15- to 25-member board governs MCSC. The Governor appoints 19 members; others represent government agencies and volunteer and service groups. They serve three-year terms. Senate consent is required for all.



Chair **Janis VanMeter** (left), Lewistown  
Vice Chair **Stanley Whitehurst**, Marshfield

Ex-officio members:

**Michael Laverty**, Corporation for National and Community Service  
**Erika Brandl**, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

- **John Albright**, Sunrise Beach
- **Andres Dominguez**, Parkville
- **Linda Duffy**, Columbia
- **Cindy Heislen**, Jefferson City
- **Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder**, Jefferson City
- **Randall McArthur**, Maryland Heights
- **Forrest Miller Jr.**, Crestwood

- **Nina Murphy**, St. Louis
- **Elaine Powers**, St. Louis
- **Lori Rasmussen**, Chesterfield
- **Jolene Schulz**, Columbia
- **Amanda Shelton**, Columbia
- **Russell Unger**, Columbia

## Commission staff

**Linda Thompson**, executive director



**Kevin Edwards**, chief field program officer

**Thompson**

**Andre Grinston**, field program officer

**Vicky Thomann**, field program officer

**Katie Bellers**, events planner and program development coordinator

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centers, or assisting the elderly, disabled, children or families in times of disaster.

Every AmeriCorps member must be certified in first aid and CPR. In addition to tutoring and disasters, members may serve in areas of homeland security, the environment, human needs, and other areas that address unmet community needs.

MCSC funds organizations that recruit members to join AmeriCorps. Most members qualify for a living allowance and an educational award. The allowance is a stipend to provide financial support for members working in their communities. Members are unique individuals with a giving spirit who seek opportunities to assist others.

MCSC gets funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, D.C. The commission also receives support from the Department of Economic Development and general revenue.



AmeriCorps members spruce up a distressed park in St. Louis.



Reading coaches in Purdy assemble 150 food baskets for Barry County families. On other days, Connie Moore, left, Brandon Tracy and Maxine Gray help youngsters become better readers.

“MCSC recognizes Missourians who serve and volunteer to make our state a better place to live. While it is impossible to recognize everybody, we encourage you to nominate a deserving volunteer on our website.”

~ MCSC DIRECTOR LINDA THOMPSON



**Learn more about MCSC or nominate Missourians for outstanding service, volunteerism**

Go to [movolunteers.org](http://movolunteers.org) or 877-210-7611

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## As always, we need your help

Gov. Nixon is always looking for qualified, energetic applicants to serve on Missouri's 200-plus boards and commissions.

Please spread the word. We would greatly appreciate it if you would encourage your colleagues and friends to review the vacancies and complete an application found at [governor.mo.gov/boards](http://governor.mo.gov/boards).

